

# Box Springs

## Box Springs Cemetery.

The pioneers in this area did not build any churches, they held regular services in the Box Springs School or in private homes. This area was settled by mostly Protestant pioneers.

Prior to 1910 and in subsequent years, neighbours gathered in the home of Mrs. M.M. Walker who lived on the NE 15-14-06-W4. Reverend John Turner and student ministers of the Protestant faith conducted the services.

These young men made their home at Mrs. Walker's during the summer months. Using a horse provided by Fred Walker, they rode to the outlying districts north of Box Springs, carrying out the ministry at several locations.

About 1909, the Roman Catholic congregation held services at the Solomon LeBere residence. Mass was celebrated by a Parish priest from St. Patrick's Church in Medicine Hat, Alberta.

The Terra Nova school became the site of church services with mainly Anglican ministers conducting the services. Throughout the 1930's Reverend H. Stonier Hammett from St. Ambrose Anglican at Redcliff, Alberta, conducted services. The congregation was made up of all denominations, as the neighbours all gathered there after the other services had ceased. In the 1940's and early 1950's, Reverend H.M. Horricks from the Gordon Memorial United Church at Redcliff, Alberta, conducted services from the Terra Nova schoolhouse.

A small cemetery located 1.5 miles north of township road 142, 110 yards east of range road 62 and 65 yards south of the east/west fence line contains three graves. This location is five miles north of the Medicine Hat, Alberta, city limits on the Box Springs Road. Legal land description is S W 23 -14-06-04 . We were directed to the grave by Mrs. Harriet Wells who lives just south-west of the site. The site is enclosed with a broken down fence, there are no markers and one can easily make out the outline of the graves. Cattle have been inside the fence, thereby keeping the grass in check. She informed us that the following are interred here:

Huseby Mrs. Edwin died 1918.

Huseby male 1 year, died at same time of Mrs. Huseby.

Edwin Huseby had a farm home beside Box Springs road. He was married to a fine lady who in their struggle to eke out a living, became ill with tuberculosis which turned into consumption and she passed away. So also did their one year old son. Edwin had no money for a funeral, so he built a couple of rough boxes and with the help of neighbours buried his family.

### **SE 15-14-06-04.**

The Page family living at Box Springs informed us that Mr. Charles Munroe Page born September 06, 1911, died April 25, 1988, was cremated and his ashes were spread over the SE 15-14-06-04. A monument in his memory has been placed on the highest point of this quarter section just west of where Mr. Page lived. This site is one half mile south of the Box Springs Cemetery on range road 62 and one mile north of township road 142.